CANNON'S LOYAL DEFENDER

Representative Weeks, One of the Actual Leaders in the House. His Views on "Regulars" and "Insurgents."

litically, outside of the string of villages called Newton, he was an anonymous

Now, John Wingate Weeks is one of do little more than give facts and figures. I arouse no enthusiasm and ape plause never follows any of my statements." So oratory immediately vanished from this particular case, analytically considered.

A superficial opinion of John Wingate Weeks would put him in the catalogue of legislative wonders or accidents. Anamong Speaker Cannon's favorites. Serious judgment, however, ascribes his phenomenal rise in Congress to the dreary and hackneyed doctrine of work-practiced with vigorous and alert intelligence -to a quick adaptability, or skill in selfadjustment, and to a genius for managing men not so wise as himself. Meanwhile, it is true, Speaker Cannon has been his intellectual and administrative friend and patron.

Gets Important Position.

A driving man of business, an unsentimental character, "without imagination or talent in the matter of language, as he remarked to me, talking in candor of his own limitations, just as if he were criticising some one else, Weeks caught the watchful eye of Cannon, and Cannon, heedless of the laws of service, raised him to a chieftaincy in the House. As a further testimony to Weeks, no envy was aroused. His legislative fathers and grandfathers said nothing, no matter what they thought.

Platitudes and generalities, they glitter or not, are the cheap and easy products of the intellect, if the mind has anything to do with such rubof Congress can platitudinize and general ize for days at a time without searching for a single fact or looking into a single book. It is a common phrase in Washington that Senator This or Representative That "obtained the floor, started his mouth to going, and then went about includes a nap in his private office, s frugal luncheon in the restaurant, which costs him something, and a prolonged soaking in the free bathroom. Coming right down to it, competition is never so uncertain or difficult as it is represented. Still, the indolent will always grumble at their want of luck, and these who achieve will always exaggerate.

Enjoys His Work.

Weeks observed to me, just as imper- Moses." sonally as if he had been talking about astronomy or a tax on incomes. "I have Academy?" no aptitude for anything. One kind of work is as satisfactory as another. I like to work, I suppose. No doubt I should enjoy life were I to devote myself to travel or to other forms of selfentertainment. When Congress adjourns

"In what way, if I may ask the question, do you account for your remarkable prominence in Congress after so short an apprenticeship in public life?" I asked.

'I am not egotistical enough to attempt an explanation," Mr. Weeks replied. "Eliminating myself from our conversation, let me observe that the man in Congress who is accurately informed about some one particular subject will invariably obtain an audience-a fact I learned very early during my life in Washington. A measure was up further to regulate hazing at the Annapolis setts urged me to say something with got no farther away than Boston. Leon- turn, you understand, and I consented to on a matter with which I was reasonably familiar. 'You may not have so good a chance,' he assured me, 'in the next five years.

Gave Exact Knowledge.

for a few minutes. When I arose to make my first speech, the members were in mon sense and ability, did other things Congress. So I thought of Uncle John their usual state of disorder, coming as well. He was not a lawyer, but he and going, and talking among themselves, was judge of probate for many years, in 1904. My plurality-Mr. Roosevelt had or busily writing. 'Mr. Speaker,' I said. and none of his decisions was ever re- run for President-was 8,500. In 1906, an barrassment, the House was silent in an thirteen gathered the sap, carrying it in my plurality was greater by 3,000 votes instant. The noise of conversation ceased, buckets with a yoke over my shoulders, than the total vote of the candidates who Members who had been moving about and boiled half a ton of maple sugar. I opposed me." stood still. 'Here,' they thought to them- taught school when I was sixteen.' selves, as I now understand it, 'is a man who ought to know what he is talk- years at sea?" ing about. At all events, we shall listen

martial bearing of a line officer affoat. service, I went to Florida, where I did put him somewhere else. Logically was keeping, that he felt as if he were in A six-footer, he weighs 260 pounds, but some surveying, running out the lines of he walks briskly and has none of the the old Spanish grants under contract. Committe on Banking and Currency, and trying to pull down an old lion, meaning

strength, he could lower to his shoulders arrived from the North. I married her work of practical value to the whole would have been one of the most powerful men in the United States. Still a giant Bluff, but personally attractive, direct brokerage firm of Hornblower & Page wherever sent." but courteous, he cherishes no delusions was entering the last stages of dissoluconcerning himself.

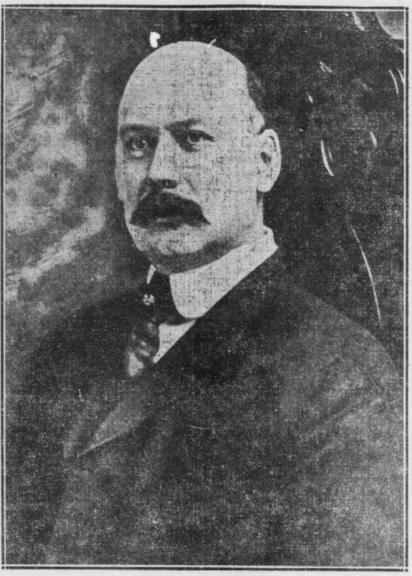
Opposes Rough Hazing.

"Of a rough kind, yes. The reports of to me hazing, however, are usually overdrawn. "I took the chance, even if I could Last spring, just before the close of the conditions, and because they do not look

Five years ago John Wingate Weeks is expected to add the word 'sir' to his kept the books and waited on such cuswas a banker and broker in Boston. Po- answer. The most violent hazing I ever tomers as called on the firm. We had the actual and practical leaders in the cheek, so I was informed by the several partners in the firm-not enough, howof Representatives. "I cannot barbers. The operation was never re- ever, to keep things moving, and more make a speech," he said to me. "I can peated. It wasn't necessary. From that must be taken in. We do a general

is nothing bad in that. If addressed, he | Mr. Hornblower represented us there. I saw had to do with a bombastic youth one clerk-accurately speaking, he was a Republican in the House is classified who threatened to work a revolution in a boy and ran errands. That was as being a 'regular?" old and venerable customs. I heard a twenty-one years ago. We now have ofcommotion and looked into his room. fices in nearly all the large cities of Thickly lathered, he was being shaved New England and at points in the West. with the lid of a tin bucket-to reduce his | Chicago among the rest. There are eight night on the bombastic and revolutionary banking business, buy and sell bonds,

LOYAL TO SPEAKER CANNON.



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JOHN W. WEEKS. Representative from Massachusetts.

"How did you get into the Naval

to the village of Lancaster, I was hailed friends are in the service. Naturally, I powerful men in every city of the United by the Congregational minister. I wasn't joined the Massachusetts Naval Brigade. States, at a period when there were good I go home, and I am at my desk the had gone to Annapolis and failed at the been for six years. I hoped for a small non has saved this country hundreds of Academy had mentioned me. So far as I tugs, ferry-boats, old yachts, and a mon- ment to his memory. knew, there had never been a sailor in itor or two left over from the civil war, the Weeks family. I had not thought of for that purpose. Fortunately, the coast the navy as a profession. I hoped to didn't require any aggressive operations." enter Dartmouth College. Beyond that I could not see, and didn't much care. I

went to Annapolis, was admitted, and was graduated at the age of twenty-one.' "You lived in New Hampshire?"

From Old English Family. "Yes; and I am one of the few men of Academy. A colleague from Massachu- my name to leave the State. However, I want to be an alderman, but it was my house in Greenland, N. H., occupied by another J. W. Weeks, that was built by "I saw the Speaker with some feeling of and fort combined and is still in a sound reluctance and he promised me the floor and habitable condition. My father cul- 1812, and was a mighty good soldier. He tivated land, but, like most men of com-'I was graduated from the Naval Acad- versed by a higher authority. As a boy, emy at Annapolis. To my great em- I worked on the farm, and at the age of 200 votes less than in 1904. But in 1908

"I served on the Richmond, and Ad- Congress?" for any information that he may have to miral Charles O'Neil, long chief of the give us.' Since then," Mr. Weeks went Bureau of Ordnance, was my executive. on to say, "I have found that exact In those days we had no navy, and knowledge will invariably get an eager more cadets were graduated at Annapolis talked to Speaker Cannon about it, but easiest trick in public life. Neither labor hearing in the House of Representatives," than were needed. The ten highest men I think I know how his mind worked. Although he left the navy twenty-seven in my class of seventy were kept and 'This man,' he said to himself, 'was eduyears ago, while a midshipman, Mr. given permanent commissions, but I was cated at Annapolis and would give the Weeks has the square shoulders and the not among them. Mustered out of the navy everything it asks for. I guess I'll customary bulges or vast surfaces of I didn't know anything about surveying, in that way I got on the monetary combut I needed money to live on. Before mission, of which Senator Aldrich is As a cadet at Annapolis, he could slowly long I was made land commissioner of chairmen. put up a 112-pound dumbbell with his the Florida Southern Railway. I was right hand, and then kneeling with one drifting, you see, and I might say that leg, could lift an 87-pound dumbbell with I have been drifting ever since, taking Speaker Cannon summoned me to his left hand and slowly put it above whatever comes to hand and doing it his head. Thus he would have 199 pounds, the best I can. While eating breakfast he told me, had become an important or the equivalent of a barrel of flour in in Florida with a gentleman, I was in-

Enters Brokerage Firm,

"Did you oppose hazing?" I inquired, the business, asked my friend to join sponsibility to be given a new member?" following up his first speech in the House. the partnership. He declined and wrote I said.

Moderate hazing in some instances is not scarcely tell a share of common stock extraordinary session of Congress to rewithout a measure of disciplinary force. from a first mortgage bond, and had to vise the tariff, the Speaker asked me to form some legerdermain that will fill

the Spanish-American war."

"Why did you go into politics" How He Entered Politics.

"A party of my neighbors called on me and said it was my turn to act as alderman. Newton is composed of a line of villages a few miles outside of Boston and contains about 40,000 inhabitants. I didn't year 1650. Curiously enough, there is a being pleasing to myself. I served for supposed. However, Congress was men-fourteen years. one of my ancestors of bricks brought tioned. Sentimentally, the suggestion was from Great Britain. It was a dwelling somewhat attractive. A great-uncle for whom I was named served in the war of afterward came for a term or two in and accepted the nomination. That was off-year, it was called, my plurality was

"Why did Speaker Cannon put you, a "You left the navy in 1883, after two banker and a broker, on the Agricultural Committee during your second term in

"When I first came to the House I thought I should like to be a member of

Put on the Committee.

office Committee, a most unusual re-

A new man is supposed to stand up when borrow the money with which to begin. his room, where he talked to me about their empty pocketbooks." an upper classman enters the room. There We bought a seat on the stock exchange. various men. However, he said nothing

ormation I had on the subject was when Several friends had informed me, how ever, that I was booked for the place." oill, carrying \$240,000,000, was put through the House under the floor management of Mr. Weeks, who even surprised his friends by the grace and skill of his

"What is meant?" I asked him, "when

leadership and his technical knowledge

Definition of a "Regular."

term," he answered, "is a conservative legislation should be done in the best and safest way proved by time and actual experience. He is, likewise, a man who feels a personal responsibility for the work done by Congress. A 'regular,' to the places they are best qualified to II. There must be a center of responsibility in legislation as in private busiess. The demands for money are simply enormous. If the demands were unhecked or not denied, the government ould be ruined financially.

their own committees popular Representatives, regardless of their compewould be log-rolling, personally conducted, for individual interests and combinations between the different regions of the country. Man and his ambitions, and calities and their neighborhood concerns nole would be seriously injured. The getically laboring to have agricultural high schools established in all parts of the United States. Carried out, his sugawfully belongs to States and local comtely necessary, in my opinion, that the peaker of the House of Representatives and that he fully realize the grave responsibility of his position.

His View of Cannon.

Republicans in praising his patriotism, back. "Walking three miles to school one "I have always loved the navy, as a against the wall and defy a powerful His home is at Rossie Priory, a grand Galloway, lest he should eat it. one who knows him. I saw him back for his services to the Stuart cause. morning from our home in the country matter of course, and many of my best company of men, representing other old place in Perthshire. Kinnaird Castle, The lord high commissioner, no matacquainted with him, because my parents I was the commanding officer at the outattended another church. His stepson break of the war with Spain, and had nominated for President. Joseph G. Canexamination. Senator Henry W. Blair, cruiser, but was assigned to protect the millions of dollars, and men who are therefore, had asked him to suggest some Massachusetts coast, and was given a heaping abuse upon him now may be one else. The principal of the Lancaster miscellaneous collection of converted contributing ten years hence for a monu-

"The people should realize that they need more than ever before strong and brave men in Congress. If we are not watchful, we shall have a government by government employes. With the tenure of office made permanent and removal from office almost impossible employes of the government are organizing and demanding more pay and privileges. There are 41,000 carriers on our rural mail routes. Soon there will be 50,000. They come into familiar contact with the respect to the bill, reminding me that I and Weeks came from England about the run, although the prospect was far from defeated Eugene F. Loud, of California, three years, and then was elected mayor House, and probably Jesse Overstreet, of twice. My political stunt was done, as I Indiana, who had been in Congress for

Must Get at Pork Barrel.

"Out in the country, you know, and verybody knows, that the measure of a Congressman depends on the length of arm he can get into the Treasury for public money to be spent in his own district. On all sides, jostling and threatening, are the sons of the two daughters of the horse-leech, crying, 'Give, give,' 'regulars' in the House of Representatives believe in checking the dangerously growing expenses of the national government, in doing business on a rational basis, and in keeping the Treasury clear of looters and visionaries."

"How would you describe an 'insurgent?" "

"That would be a difficult task, because no two 'insurgents' are alike. As a policy, the Committee on Naval Affairs. I never if it can be so called, insurgency is the nor responsibility attaches to it. All an insurgent has to do is to stand up and complain. One of them told me last year, being rather weary of the company he enough, he made me a member of the a pack of jackals who were worrying and Speaker Cannon."

"New England money," I said, "is invested all over the United States. Where does it come from?"

"Not living in a rich farming country, the men and women of New England have found it necessary to be industrious and economical. The early settler was the air, which, as a further test of his troduced to his daughter, who had just large staff of scientists was doing much where to make both ends meet. Money where to make both ends meet. part of the government, and with its land, but was compelled to turn elsean able and resourceful man. He had and raise again, arm-high. By the within a year. And that's the way my country. Still, it would be well, he said, dwindled, he turned manufacturer. We tee, and consequently he had decided to the seacoast and the protective tariff. in strength, I asked him the character of his usual exercises. "Automobile riding."

I told him I meant to leave Florida befavors to ask; that the Speaker of the cause the climate was not good for Mrs. House, in my opinion, should choose the line the business of safe and scientific and that I would serve the compilities are compilities. Weeks. When he reached home, the committees, and that I would serve banking. The mutual savings banks of "And after but two terms in Congress ited to \$1,600, contain \$700,000,000, which tion. Page had died. Hornblower was you were made chairman of the Post-

"New England is rich because the per ple know how to count their pennies,

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appoint me chairman of the Post-office committee. The first authoritative insumation I had on the subject was when the committee of the post-office committee. The first authoritative insumation I had on the subject was when the committee of the post-office of

In March the post-office appropriation Holds Court for the Sovereign at Edinburgh in Holyrood Palace Each Spring.

By EX-ATTACHE.

has no resident viceroy and no permanent court is maintained 'n the metropolis of the northern kingdom such as that which is kept up at Dublin, where it serves as "A 'regular,' as I comprehend the the hub of all social life. But once a decades Lord Kinnaird's peerage. For it and the princes of the blood. Lady Kinwith all sorts of more or less sovereign prerogatives, holds vireregal court in the

ancient palace of Hoylrood. The duration of his reign does not exceed a fortnight, coinciding with the annual meeting of the assembly of the state church of Scotland, which is not, as some people appear to believe, Anglican, but Presbyterian. This meeting is always held at the end of April, or at the beginning of May, and has the effect of attracting to that picturesque capital, which c'aims for itself the title of the Athens of the North, representatives, lay and ecclesiastical, of the church from

There are ministers and elders, univer sity dons, and presbyters, with their wives and their sons and their daughters, and is much in evidence throughout the which has been used for this particular Holyrood, while the cannons salute and fortnight of the assembly's sessions, yet office ever since, t cannot be said to predominate.

For the festivities organized at Holyood by the lord high commissioner serve o bring to Edinburgh many of the great

The sojourn of the lord high commissioner at Holyrood is, in one word, the real season of Edinburgh, and the fact that it should be so very short-limited, indeed, to fourteen days-merely serves to

King Edward's lord high comm run mad in a direction that logically and for this year is Lord Kinnaird, who is of grand huntsman at continental courts, almost as well known on this side of the nunities. The terrific pressure for Atlantic as in his native land, for his evangelical enthusiasm, for his devotion o athletics, and for his enterprise and ability as one of the leading bankers of

He is president of the Young Men's Christian Association of the British Empire, and when he is not holding revival Speaker Crisp, a Democrat. And he is great style at most of the important foothe same Cannon that he was when I ball contests. He has been president of the ntered the House. Then he was about National Football Association of England

the identical man that he was at that letic interests or Young Men's Christian due solemnity and decorum. time of eulogy and affection- Association work, he may be found at the It was probably the inability of the the table of precedence coming immed

year a representative of the monarch was first instituted in the spring of 1600, naird becomes for the nonce "Her Grace" appears at Edinburgo, and with the title when James VI of Scotland (who afterof lord high commissioner, and invested ward ascended the throne of England as oldest houses of the Scottish aristocby the national kirk.

It was at first suggested that the mon- as to royalty. arch's deputy should be an ecclesiastic, and should bear the title of bishop. But The lord high commissioner, who has the latter was a designation which sound- his gentlemen in waiting, his aides-deed even still more disagreeable to Pres- camp, his chaplains, and secretaries, is byterian ears than it does to-day. More- received on his arrival at the railroad over, it was argued that since the King's station in Edinburgh by the lord prodelegate was to act as arbiter, in the vost of the city, by all the local authoriname of the sovereign, in the event of ties, by the general officers in command differences between the various factions of the military forces in Scotland, and of the general assembly it would be by representatives of the judiciary and of preferable that he should not be a divine, the church; and then proceeds in a state out a layman. Accordingly, a nobleman carriage-and-four, with a cavalry was chosen by King James, and received through the streets of the city, lined on and while the religious element abounds the title of lord high commissioner, either side with troops, to the Palace of

Reed, nor more than was done by and cricket matches, "kicking off" in Lord Galloway would accept it, but the sides over the deliberations of the assem-A fine silver service had been Football Club, and in his boyhood days Galloway, had no alternative but to ful- from among the most eminent Presby

"I am simply a normal man," Mr. youth was as meek as Uriah Heep or and finance manufacturing and other motives. I respect him because he is of which he is chairman. His peerage Beaconsfield, and his action in taking it honest and brave. His courage is undates from the seventeenth century, when seriously, that led Beaconsfield later on of minor rank. "Tell me about your experience during faltering, and will win the heart of any it was bestowed upon Sir George Kinnaird to express hesitation about the bestowal At luncheon the lord high commissioner

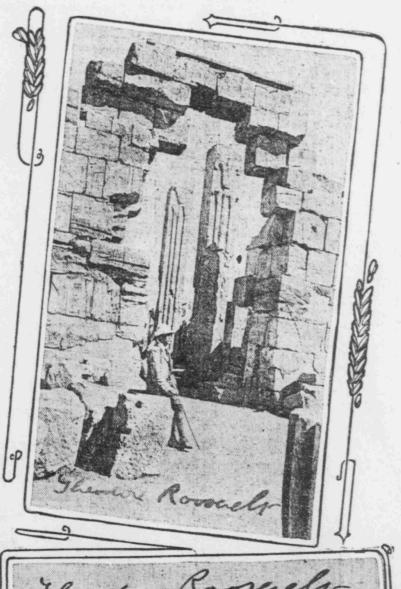
in the neighboring county of Forfarshire, ter what his rank in the peerage, is ad-Scotland differs from Ireland, in that it now belongs to Lord Southesk, chief of dressed as "Your Grace," like the dukes, the clan of Carnegie.

The lord high commissioner is almost anew each year, and the office in recent form of a general of the Royal Arch Scottish nobles and representatives of deen, now Viceroy of Ireland; by the late privy councilor, holds a levee that ancient and oft-untitled aristocracy Lord Leven, by Lord Celebrooke, and the palace, at which the principal authoriof the Highlands and Lowlands, north of late Earl of Galloway, who was renowned ties, the dignitaries of the church and for the picturesque profanity of his lan- state, the nobles and chieftains of clans,

which was the English equivalent of that and wands of office. he received the following reply from Dizzy: "I am sory I cannot recommend of St. Glies, whence, after a short service, having anybody connected with the royal ing the patent bearing the royal sign strong language. But I will recommend King, while guns booming from the castle you for the lord high commissionership heights give notice to the people that the to the general assembly of the Church of nearest approach to a Scottish home rule

Lord Beaconsfield made this latter offer pledged himself in writing to get the the house being done by the moderator

POSTALS FROM COL. RUOSEVELT.





Postal cards, bearing the signature of Theodore Roosevelt, which have just me and the master was took on the front been received from the former President by a number of the little pupils seat together? It would settle that Marie in an East Side, New York, industrial school, which is maintained by the when I sent her the picture." Children's Aid Society, and in which Col. Roosevelt has always taken a deep interest. Thirteen children of the school received cards and were so delighted that they were dismissed at an early hour in order to inform their friends and parents of their gifts.

instead of "Your Excellency," with which the Irish viceroy has to be con-With regard to the office of lord high tent. He is also apostrophized as "Sir," commissioner, it antedates by several just in the same manner as the King and is attended by ladies in waiting and maids of honor, recruited from the James I) was asked by the general as- racy. Moreover, at the receptions in sembly of the Scotch Church, convoked the palace, at the garden parties which at Montrose, to nominate his representa- she gives during her fortnight's stay in tive out of a list of six submitted to him Edinburgh, the women attending them render to her much the same obelsance

the church bells ring out merry peals. invariably a Scotch peer, is appointed commissioner, who usually wears the unitimes has been held by the Earl of Aber- Guard, of a lord lieutenant, or else of a &c., are presented to him, the king at It is related of him that when on one arms for Scotland and chief of the herccasion he applied to Lord Beaconsfield, alds of the northern kingdom being on the formation of the latter's adminis- present with his heralds and pursuivtration, for the mastership of the royal ants, in their gorgeous, gold-embroidered, buckhounds, an office now abolished, multi-colored tabards, with their chains

Thereupon the lord high comm proceeds in state to the ancient Cathedral you for the mastership of the buck- he goes to the general assembly of the hounds, as the Queen (Victoria) dislikes Church of Scotland, which, after presenthousehold who is addicted to the use of manual, he opens, in the name of the parliament has commenced its sessions

Every morning throughout the ensuing by way of a joke, never dreaming that fortnight the lord high commissioner preearl received it in all seriousness, and, bly until the luncheon hour, the actual accordingly. Lord Beaconfield having work, however, of speaker or leader of the most popular man in the United for many years, founded the Old Etonians' office of lord high commissioner for Lord who is elected each year by the assembly iven him, and Democrats united with won much college distinction as a half fill his promise; and in 1887 the asembly terian divines of the kingdom, and who of the Church of Scotland at Edinburgh for the ensuing twelve months ranks as mpartiality, and wisdom. To-day he is When not otherwise occupied with ath- was presided over by Lord Galloway with the principal dignitary of the state church and as its primate, his place-in

of the Order of the Thistle upon Lord always entertains people of light and leading. The afternoons are devoted to the visiting of public institutions, to the laying of foundation stones, and to the performance of all those other duties that in England fall to the share of the sovereign and to the princes of the reigning family.

Each evening there is a state banquet, at which there are usually a minimum of 100 guests, and while military bands play in the quadrangle, pipers march round the dinner table, after having * piped the viceregal procession into the ancient banqueting hall, all lined with pictures of Scottish sovereigns, dating

from mythical times. The lord high commissioner receives for his services during these two weeks a salary of \$10,000, with allowances of about as much more. But it is estimated that the expenses of his fortnight's "reign" usually costs him at least \$50,000 more. Hence only high peers are ap-

(Copyright, 1910, by the Brentwood Company,) BELIEF IN WITCHCRAFT.

pointed as lord high commissioners.

It Still Survives in Some Parts of India.

From the Baltimore Sun. Belief in witchcraft is still so fast rooted in parts of India that unfortunate persons suspected of the black art are

not uncommonly done to death. In Bengal last year several cases of the kind came before the courts. In the Sonthal Parganahs a woman was murdered by her mother and brother, who believed her to be a witch.

In Palamau a man was killed, as the villagers held that he was a wizard. In another case two women were murdered on the bare suspicion that they had caused the death of three children by cholera. Human sacrifice also is still practiced among the uncivilized tribes of Bengal.

In Angul some Khonds sacrificed a girl as a propitiatory offering against cholera, and in Palamau a boy was enticed into the jungle and killed as a sacrifice. There can be little doubt that any relaxation of vigilance would result in a serious increase of witch killing and human sacrifices.

Settling Marie.

Mayor Charles H. Nevin, of Butte, was talking about the Marathon waltz that he had stopped after it had gone on continuously for fourteen hours, says the Kansas City Star.

"We have Marathon waltzing, Marathon plane playing, even Warathon seating at this time," said y on Nevin. "The young men and women who enter such contests are ambitious, certainly; but theirs is a misguided ambition, like that of Lizzie Ann.

"Lizzie Ann was a servant girl. She said bitterly to her mistress one morning: " 'Here's another letter, ma'am, I'v got from Mrs. Jones' cook Marie. Marie says they've her a conservatory now. It fairly

makes one sick. Fibber! "Lizzie Ann hesitated, then said diffidently: "'I bin thinkin'-if I hired an auto and a photographer-would ye mind, mum, if

Crystal and gold bugles are used for

outlining designs in lace on many hand-